

MEETING MINUTES

OFFENDER REGISTRATION WORKING GROUP

DATE: April 3, 2007
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 PM
LOCATION: Kansas Bureau of Investigation Headquarters

Attendance:

David Hutchings, Special Agent in Charge, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)
Erik Wood, Manager, KBI Offender Registration Unit
Shelia Sawyer-Tyler, Administrative Officer, KBI Offender Registration Unit
Sherry Roberts, Senior Administrative Specialist, KBI Offender Registration Unit
Justice Tyler C. Lockett, Kansas Supreme Court Retired
Amy Thiel, Wichita Parole, Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC)
Chris Rieger, Parole Services Manager, KDOC
Jeannie Wank, Topeka Parole, KDOC
Mark Keating, Sex Offender Management Director, KDOC
Judy Hinman Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA)
Loretta Wyrick-Severin, Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project
Kim Kleinsorge, Detective, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office (SGSO)
Erin Thompson, Deputy, Shawnee County Sheriff's Office (SNSO)
Michael Freeman, Captain, WYSO
Eric Freeman, Sergeant, Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office (WYSO)
Jason Gilmore Sergeant, WYSO
Sherry Anderson, Detective, WYSO
David Melton, Assistant District Attorney, Douglas County District Attorney's Office (DGDA)
Angela Wilson, Assistant District Attorney, DGDA
Al W. Deathe, Sergeant, Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DGSO)

Minutes of the Meeting:

- I Erik Wood introduced himself as the new Manager for the Offender Registration Unit (ORU) and acting chair for the Offender Registration Working Group (ORWG).

All others present introduced themselves.

- II The purpose of the ORWG was discussed. Examples of issues to be addressed by the Working Group include legislation, training, liaison between agencies, and community awareness.

It was announced by SAC Hutchings that, while the ORWG Core Group will be responsible for all business of the group, the ORWG meeting is not limited in attendance and is open to all who would like to be involved.

- III It was discussed that there needs to be a Mission Statement created for the ORWG. Erik Wood offered and it was agreed upon that he would write the initial statement and send to all others for review.
- IV Erik Wood announced that the KCJIS Conference would be held June 4th and 5th in Lawrence and that he would be a presenter.
- V The ORU will start traveling to other locations with other ISD units to train outside agencies. Some of the things that others would like to see addressed in this Training and Education are:

- Keeping agencies updated with the new legislation as it takes effect.
- Training of new agency staff.
- Inclusion of Prosecutors and Judges in future training.

The new Drivers License requirement for offenders was discussed. The KBI Offender Registration database is now being sent daily to the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR). All would like clarification on who is required to have the DL/ID.

Dep. Erin Thompson made a motion to amend current legislation to require all Offenders to obtain a DL/ID.

Det. Kim Kleinsorge seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Needed legislation and related issues were addressed and included:

- All writing on Offenders forms should match the statutes.
- The definition of “domicile” should be clarified.
- Journal Entries should specifically state the requirement to register as an Offender.
- There is a need to address homeless offenders and their registration requirements.

- VI The language pertinent to Offender Registration that was in Senate Bill 14 is now House Bill 2359, this includes registration requirements for those convicted of manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of precursor chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Dep. Erin Thompson made a motion to amend current legislation to allow the Sheriffs to use discretion in registering offenders who are unable to report in person due to disability and in the frequency of registration for homeless offenders.

Det. Kim Kleinsorge seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

It was discussed that more appropriate verbiage for the homeless on the Public Access Website may be “transient”.

VII Some of the changes with the Senate Bill 204 will be:

- The KBI’s 90-day Address Verification Letters will no longer be sent
- The reporting period will remain 10 days
- The offender will be required to appear in person to the Sheriff’s Office three times a year.

VIII The Adam Walsh Act

- There will be 3 years to comply with all of its requirements. This will be by 2009
- There will be 3 tiers for Offender Registration; 15 years, 25 years, and Lifetime. (Kansas must be at least this restrictive.)

IX Referral for prosecution

The KBI has no backlog for referrals for prosecution as of this date. The KBI will be referring each violation of the Act as it occurs, and will be sending additional referrals every 90 days on noncompliance.

X The KBI wants to strengthen its Liaison with the Sheriff’s Offices. The KBI now has four full time Senior Administrative Specialists. The 105 counties may be divided equally amongst the four SAS’s as specific contacts.

XI Some items that the group would like to discuss at the next meeting are:

- Issues with Juveniles being registered by Parole Officers and Group Homes. Some training for them.
- Cleanup of statutes
- What the Sheriff’s Offices are statutorily required to do when the Offender is unable to pay the \$20 fee when they come in for their visits.

The next meeting will be held June 26, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be hosted by Sgt. Al Deathe at the Douglas County Jail, 3106 E 25th, Lawrence, KS.